

Aunt Julia's True Stories

This Earth of Ours



(Recall what you learned last month about the earth or read the article in this same column before reading this one.)

At the beginning, the earth was not exactly as it is now. Perhaps the mountains were not so high nor the valleys so deep. At present the surface of the earth is very irregular. There are mountains that are so high that their tops are always covered with snow. Some parts of the sea are called deeps because of their great depth.

The most important cause of the changes on the surface is the shrinking of the earth. It is believed that the center of the earth is very hot. This center is surrounded by a thick layer of very hard rock. During the thousands of years of its life, this hot center, has been cooling off. As it cools off, the outer layer of rock shrinks. Have you baked or roasted an apple? Did you notice how the skin became wrinkled? In the same way although in a very large scale, the skin of the earth has shrunk.

Mountains and depressions may be formed also by volcanoes. For some reasons we cannot very well understand, some parts of the earth rise while other parts sink. The appearance of the surface of the earth can not remain the same. The wind, water, and the sun cause the rocks to break. The water flowing down the highlands carry the fine rock to the low places. After many years the highlands become lower and the deep places become higher.

Changes within the earth cause land to rise and

More Beautiful Flowers

The Achuete

On the roadside, in the open field, and on neglected lots many trees grow without human care, yet they bear beautiful flowers of which we should be proud. Because they are common and cost nothing, we do not appreciate them.

An achuete tree in bloom presents a beautiful sight. The flowers that grow in clusters are of a delicate lavender-pink color. There are seven narrow petals around a heart composed of more than a hundred fine stamens. The lower portion of the filament is light gold while the upper part including the pollen cup is lavender. The buds are almost



Fruit of Achuete

perfectly round and are of a deep red color. A cluster of achuete flowers composed of open blossoms and buds is a treat to the eye that recognizes beauty. It must be more beautiful than apple blossoms.

The Cacawate

The cacawate grows wild. It does not attract attention when not in bloom. But in January and February there is no lovelier sight than a cacawate that has shed its leaves but whose branches are covered with the long spikes of little blossoms of white, pink and light lilac.

The Makahiya

Along the roadside among grass and lowly weeds grows the tiny sensitive plant, whose leaves close and droop at the slightest touch of the human hand. The flower that looks like a fairy's ball is soft to the touch and a delight to the eye. It is light lilac in color.

sink. Men have found seashells on the tops of mountains. This means that the mountains must have been at the bottom of the ocean long ago.

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LITTLE ENTERTAINERS

Bobby Watson was Convinced

Bobby Watson is a boy actor. He is only five years old yet he was given a good part in *Mary of Scotland*. During the filming of this picture, Bobby stage a one-boy revolt. He was handed a costume which he was to wear in his role. This role happened to be an English peasant boy. The costume is like a smock or a skirt belted in at the waist. Bobby refused to wear it. He thought it looked like a girl's dress. They insisted Bobby to wear it. But he simply will not put on a costume that is very funny. Then



he cried. They even offered him boxes of candy which he refused to take. John Ford, who was directing this picture, saw what was wrong. He took Bobby over to the

Freddie Bartholomew

Hollywood is making a new picture called *Captains Courageous*. Freddie Bartholomew is the star in this picture. This is something new for Freddie. This is something new for us also. He has not appeared in any sea picture before. Did I say Freddie Bartholomew? Yes, I did. Remember him as a boy king in *Professional Soldier*? And have you seen his recent picture that was shown in the State Theatre? It is called *Little Lord Fauntleroy*. That is his best picture ever seen in the Islands. A month ago, Freddie came home from New York. When people saw him get off from the train in Los Angeles, he was wearing a captain's yatching hat. He said, "I've gone nautical!" Children, that means Freddie feels like a seaman.

SEE THE PHILIPPINES FIRST

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Osmeña Park
Cavite Boulevard
Shopping District—
Escolta
Rosario
Rizal Avenue
Factories—
Ice Plant
San Miguel, Royal
Magnolia
La Insular Cigar Factory
Madrigal Cotton Mills
Insular Lumber Yard
Police and Fire Stations—
Luneta Police Station
Meisic
Pako, Intramuros, Sta. Cruz,
San Nicolas Fire Stations, and
stations in other districts.
Show Houses—
Metropolitan
Lyric
Capitol
Ideal
State
Grand
Fox
Grand Opera House
Cemeteries—
Del Norte

Loma
Chinese
Del Sur (Makati, Rizal)
Miscellaneous—
Intramuros, walls, gates
Fort Santiago
Archbishop's Palace
Government Trading Center
Tutuban Railway Station
Meralco
Pier Seven
Telephone Company
Garbage Disposal Plant

Dear readers, through your societies, scout, pioneer, campfire and other school organizations plan your educational excursions now with your teachers and principal. Let us know our country more by visiting her interesting places and institutions. Let us admire the beauties of her sceneries; let us know the progress and the needs of our communities and our neighbors so that we may better help in our country's growth and development; let us put our NEPA principles into actual practice. *Let us see the Philippines first.*

dressng room of Donald Crisp. Donald Crisp is a grown-up actor. And Bobby admires Donald very much. Bobby stopped. He saw his friend dressed in the same costume he refused to wear. He dried his eyes. Crisp explained, "Scotchmen wore kilts like this in the old days." "All right," said Bobby, "I'll wear 'em if you will."

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Choose the correct answer. Check your answers by reading the story again.

1. The surface of the earth is (smooth, uneven).
2. The center of the earth is (cold, hot).
3. The outside layer of rock has been (shrinking, expanding).
4. Mountains may be caused by (fire, volcanoes).
5. _____ and _____ break down rocks into fine pieces.
6. There was a time when the tops of mountains were at the bottom of the sea. True, False.